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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Currently Amended) A scaffold in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that 23, wherein two~~ guide stops (15) are provided at ~~the same side~~ one of said two long sides wherein one of two guide stops is close to both ends each one of said two short sides (16, 17) of the scaffold decks (14).

3. (Currently Amended) A scaffold in accordance with claim 2, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein said two guide stops (15) provided at a scaffold deck (14) have a spacing from the ~~associated ends~~ two short sides (16, 17) of the ~~relevant~~ scaffold deck (14) which differs such that when ~~the two~~ long sides, which comprise the two guide stops 15, of two scaffold decks (14) lie ~~against~~ adjacent one another on ~~the same~~ a single horizontal ~~carriers~~ carrier (12) while in ~~the position of~~ use, the two guide stops (15) are mutually offset in ~~the a~~ longitudinal direction of the two scaffold decks such that ~~they overlap~~ the two guide stops of each scaffold deck rest adjacent one another and ~~preferably each abut or contact the~~ abuts or contacts side surfaces of the adjacent scaffold deck (14).

4. (Currently Amended) A scaffold in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that 23, wherein the~~ at least one guide stops stop (15) comprise a contact part (19) which is horizontal in ~~the a~~ position of use, which can engage over ~~the an~~ associated horizontal carrier (13) and which has a downwardly extending projection (18) at ~~the an~~ end remote from the scaffold deck (14) which engages around the associated horizontal carrier (13) when being pushed on, during lowering and after lowering of the scaffold deck (14).

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5. (Currently Amended) A scaffold in accordance with claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein each guide stop (15) is made as an angled plate, with one limb forming the contact part (19) and another limb forming the projection (18).

6. (Currently Amended) A scaffold in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ 23, wherein the at least one guide stop (15) is secured to ~~the~~ a side of the scaffold deck (14) by means of a angled flange (20).

7. (Currently Amended) A scaffold in accordance with claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein an eyelet (21) is secured to ~~the~~ a side of the scaffold deck (14) remote from the guide stop (15) ~~whose~~ wherein said eyelet includes an opening (22) is made complementary to the projection (18) such that the projection (18) of an adjacent scaffold deck (14) can engage into the opening (22) to thus hold the ~~two~~ adjacent scaffold decks (14) at a defined, small spacing (D).

8. (Currently Amended) A scaffold in accordance with claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the eyelet is made as a limb (21) of an angled plate (23) ~~whose other~~ wherein a second limb (24) of the angled plate (23) is secured to the side of the scaffold deck (14).

9. (Currently Amended) A scaffold in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ 23, wherein the second horizontal carriers (12, 13) consist of a tube member behind which hooks (26) engage which are offset relative to ~~the~~ a longitudinal axis of symmetry (25)

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of the scaffold decks (14) and at the ~~ends~~ two short sides of the scaffold decks (14) and adjacent to one another on a the second horizontal carrier (12, 13).

10. (Currently Amended) A scaffold in accordance with claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the tube member has a rectangular or round cross-section.

11. (Currently Amended) A scaffold in accordance with claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising recesses (27) ~~are provided~~ next to the hooks (26) at the ~~end faces~~ two short sides of the scaffold decks (14) into which ~~the offset~~ hooks (26) of ~~the a~~ scaffold deck (14) adjoining at ~~the end face~~ each short side can engage.

12. (Currently Amended) A scaffold in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that the~~ 9, wherein the first and second horizontal carriers (12, 13) consist of two parallel individual carriers (12a, 12b; 13a, 13b) arranged at a small spacing.

13. (Currently Amended) A scaffold in accordance with claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one guide stop (15) only engages over ~~the an~~ individual carrier (13b) directly adjacent to the scaffold deck (14).

14. (Currently Amended) A scaffold in accordance with claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the hooks (26) at ~~the ends~~ short side (16) of the scaffold decks (14) engage behind individual carriers (12a, 12b).

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15. (Currently Amended) A scaffold in accordance with claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the hooks (26) at ~~opposite ends~~ the two short sides (16, 17) of a scaffold deck (14) are mutually offset with respect to the plane of symmetry (25) such that the hooks (26) of two scaffold decks (14) adjoining one another at ~~their end faces~~ the two short sides and engaging behind one individual carrier (12a, 12b) come to rest next to one another.

16. (Currently Amended) A scaffold in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ 23, wherein the vertical supports (11) carry perforated roses (28) at vertical intervals at which ~~the ends of the horizontal carriers (12, 13) are secured,~~ preferably by means of hook and wedge arrangements (33).

17. (Currently Amended) A scaffold in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ 23, wherein the scaffold decks (14) are elongate rectangles.

18. (Currently Amended) A scaffold in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ 23, wherein four vertical supports (11) are in each case arranged at the corners of a ~~rectangle, in particular a square,~~ and carry ~~horizontal rectangles,~~ preferably horizontal squares including horizontal carriers (12, 13), at pre-determined vertical intervals.

19. (Currently Amended) A scaffold in accordance with claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ 23, wherein the vertical supports (11) consist of a plurality of vertical support sections (11') plugged telescopically joined ~~together in a telescope like manner.~~

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20. (Currently Amended) A scaffold deck (14) for a scaffold in accordance with claim 23 ~~1 with the features of the scaffold deck (14) set forth in this claim.~~

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21. (Cancelled)

22. (New) A method of installing a scaffold deck on a scaffold in accordance with claim 1, said method comprising:

gripping the scaffold deck (14) at one short side (17);

setting the at least one guide stop (15) remote from the one short side (17) onto a second horizontal carrier (13) that extends parallel to the scaffold deck (14);

sliding the at least one guide stop (15) on the second horizontal carrier (13) until an opposing short side (16) remote from the one short side (17) approaches or contacts a first horizontal carrier (12);

resting hooks (26) at the opposing short side (16) onto the first horizontal carrier (12);

lowering the one short side (17) of the scaffold deck (14) onto an opposing first horizontal carrier (12) such that the hooks (26) associated with the one short side (17) come to rest on the opposing first horizontal carrier (12).

23. (New) A scaffold comprising:

a plurality of vertical supports (11) arranged spaced apart beside one another and behind one another, between which:

tiers (A, B, C) are arranged one above the other realised by:

a plurality of first horizontal carriers (12) extending parallel to one another between adjacent vertical supports,

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a plurality of second horizontal carriers (13) extending parallel to one another between adjacent vertical supports and arranged perpendicular to said first horizontal carriers (12) at the same height; and

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a plurality of rectangular scaffold decks (14) each having two long and two short sides (16, 17) and holding means being provided at the two short sides, and wherein said decks are releasably supported in the assembled state of the scaffold through the holding means on two adjacent first horizontal carriers (12),

a plurality of diagonal braces (35) being connected to adjacent vertical supports (11) characterized in that:

the decks (14) have at least one guide stop (15) projecting from one of said long sides and close to at least one of said short sides (16, 17) which ~~be~~ is adapted to be slidably placed on <sup>112</sup> a second horizontal carrier (13) in such a manner that the deck (14) held by an operator at the short side (17) remote from the guide stop (15) and operative to be displaced by sliding the guide stop (15) on the second horizontal carrier (13) to an opposite first horizontal carrier (12) and pushed by tilting the deck about the long side carrying the guide stop (15) such that said holding means is positioned over the opposite first horizontal carrier (12) and brought to rest into the position of use thereon, where the holding means have engaged the first horizontal carriers, by tilting back and lowering the deck into the horizontal position.